

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1, drawn to a method for treating tumors, which comprises administering a tumor antigen protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2;

Group II, claims 2-15, drawn to a tumor antigen, derivative of the antigen and a diagnostic agent that bind to HLA-A24; and

Group III, claims 2-15, drawn to a tumor antigen, derivative of the antigen and a diagnostic agent that bind to HLA-A2.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 2-15.

Further, the Examiner has required an election in the present application:

To elect one single polypeptide species from SEQ ID NO: 2-52 and

Further elect one substitution species at position 2 and one substitution species at the C-terminus listed in claim 8-9 if Applicants elect a SEQ ID NO from 3-53.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Peptide of SEQ ID NO: 3 and in claims 8 and 9, phenylalanine as position 2 and isoleucine for the C-terminus.

Claim(s) 2-15 read upon the elected species. At least claim 2 is generic.

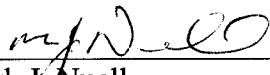
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell, Registration No 36,623 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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